



# Media Advisory

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FOR MONDAY, APRIL 22**

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### **COUNTY AND CITY ANNOUNCE COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT FUNDING**

This morning, Franklin County and the city of Columbus -- as part of the City of Columbus/Franklin County Community Garden Grants program -- will announce grant funding for 42 local gardens during an Earth Day program at Franklin Park Conservatory.

The collaborative program, now in its third year, recognizes the many benefits of community gardens, and supports existing gardens in the City of Columbus and throughout Franklin County and encourages the creation of new ones. Applications for 2013 were accepted February 15, through March 1, 2013.

To qualify for the grant, applicants were required to be registered as a 501(c)(3) with the Internal Revenue Code and be located within the City of Columbus or qualifying areas of Franklin County. Grant awards will be made up to \$4,000 per project for supplies and/or services. Scotts Miracle-Gro will supplement grant awards with product donations.

Community gardening is a growing movement in Central Ohio and across the nation. Not only do community gardens improve nutritional offerings and reduce family food expenses but they improve the quality of life for neighborhood residents, provide vocational training and educational opportunities to school children and provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development.

#### **WHO:**

**Franklin County Commissioner John O'Grady  
Columbus City Councilmember Priscilla Tyson  
Franklin Park Conservatory Director Bruce Harkey  
Scotts Miracle-Gro, Su Lok  
Community Garden Grant Recipients**

#### **WHAT:**

**Joint City/County Community Garden Grants Announcement**

#### **WHEN:**

**Monday, April 22, 2013  
10:30am**

#### **WHERE:**

**Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens  
On The ScottsMiracle-Gro Community Garden Campus  
1777 East Broad Street**

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